

## GEN. CASSIUS M. CLAY

Makes a Sensational Statement  
Regarding His Marriage

TO THE FIFTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL,

Dora Richardson, in Spite of the  
Efforts of His Children.

## THE AGED STATESMAN'S STORY

Of His Persecution Reads Like a Chapter from a Romance—How he Divided His Vast Estate Among His Children and How They Have Rewarded Him—He Charges That They Persistently Prevented Him From Marrying and Even Slandered the Girl Whom He Has Now Made His Child-wife.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 14.—In an interview with Gen. Cassius M. Clay, who married little Dora Richardson, he told the following sensational story of his ups and downs: "Ever since I obtained a divorce from my wife, her relatives, who were prejudiced against me because of my anti-slavery work, have made a steady and determined effort to prevent me from marrying again. When I brought home from Russia with me the child who is known now as Lonnie Clay, I did not do like others have done—disown my own flesh and blood—but I had that child adopted and made him the equal of my other children as heir to this vast estate. You will understand that my father, Green Clay, who was a gallant soldier in the war of 1812, left this immense estate to me during my life time, but entailed to my children. I could have held my life interest in the estate until the day of my death, but I loved my children and divided the land equally among them, retaining only this house, which I built with my own money at a cost of nearly \$100,000, and 300 acres of land.

"In order to have an annuity sufficient for my wants I charge the children a rental of \$1 per acre per year. They lease it out at from \$8 to \$12 per acre, so you see I am giving them the benefit of the land, when it really belongs to me until death. This much by way of explanation.

"When Lonnie was brought here they began a systematic course of poisoning by giving him some sort of drug, which produced absolute torpor. That is the reason that he is no larger than you see him now. He is twenty-six years of age, and yet he does not appear to be more than eighteen. They retarded his growth and tried to kill him in this secret way, and, failing in this, one of their hired tools made that boy, when a mere lad, jump from the second story window, but by the greatest miracle his life was saved.

"I killed the man who tried to destroy the boy. I shot him twice with my pistol, either one of the shots being sufficient to kill him. The facts were so much in my favor that the courts failed to indict me.

"Several times when I was on the point of marrying again they have put obstacles in my way and prevented me from choosing a wife.

"This recent trouble dates back three months. Up to that time I had in my employ S. C. Moore and wife, who were my overseer and housekeeper respectively. They grew so arrogant that they seemed to think that they owned the entire place and that I was their servant. Of course I could not stand that. They also circulated stories about me to the effect that I was debauching Mary Lee Bowling, a young woman who assisted in the housework, and Dora, my present wife.

"That's never was a baser lie concocted under heaven. As God is my judge, I never had any carnal thought in connection with that child, Dora.

"Well, they succeeded in inducing Mary to leave and they married her to some young fellow. Had they not tried to her and about her, she would have been living here happily yet.

"They then tried to poison the mind of Dora against me, but they signally failed. Realizing what they were trying to do to me, I drove them off my place. But they were not to be so easily disposed of. They recruited a band of about thirty men among their friends, and they came here to mob me, but when they found that I was on guard, prepared to shoot to kill, they very sensibly left and have never been back on a similar mission.

"I had my cannon loaded and had they attacked the house, there would certainly have been several funerals among them. The house, as you see, is more like a fortress than a residence. Failing to dislodge me by physical force they informed several of my children that I was about to be married to little Dora. This made the children furious and they have placed every obstruction that they could in our way. They persuaded Judge John Chanut not to marry me, after I had procured a license last Friday. I then asked Squire Green B. Million to marry us and he promised to do so, but they got wind of that and persuaded Million not to have anything to do with me. Yesterday I suspected that they would issue, or caused to be issued, an injunction, restraining me from marrying the girl.

"They thought they had me here like a rat in a cage, and that I was unable to help myself from their machinations. Accordingly, I determined to thwart their designs, and after it had become dark last night, I armed McClelland Richardson, brother of Dora, and Barlow Clark, one of my farm hands, and sent them eight miles across the country after Squire Isaac Newton Douglass. The squire, who is a good christian, kind-hearted gentleman, and who sympathizes with me in my troubles, got up in the night and rode on horseback over the roughest kind of dirt road, that he might be here in time.

"The ceremony was accordingly performed yesterday morning before 10 o'clock. Just as the final words were said that made us man and wife, my grandson, Green Horrick, son of my daughter Mary B. Clay, who was divorced from her husband, and who took the name of Clay, and also calls herself Green Clay, arrived at my door. I suspected that he had come for the purpose of interfering with my marriage by some order of the court, and I promptly told him to leave the place and never come in it again until I invited him. I told him that I would shoot him if he came back before I invited him. He left.

"Now, you see the way I have been treated by those who ought to love and desire my happiness. They have treated me in such a manner that they have actually made a wild boast of me, and I would just as soon shoot down one of the conspirators as to fire on my most deadly enemy, for they are my enemies. But as long as I have my health and strength, I'll defy them to the bitter end."

Whitehall, the castle of Gen. Cassius

M. Clay, is closed to all visitors to-day, the general having placed his son Lonnie in command, with instructions to allow no one to disturb him. None of the neighbors dare venture on the premises in the face of these instructions. Gen. Clay is fearful that some harm may come to his bride, and will not allow her to leave the house. Dr. C. C. Smith carried away to Richmond, yesterday, some documents, which gave rise to the story that Gen. Clay had made a new will.

## GAVE SITUATION

At Washington C. H., Ohio—Colonel Colt Refuses to Testify in the Riot Case—He Feels Lynching by a Mob.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 14.—Strange events are being at Washington Court House. Colonel Colt refuses, by advice of his attorneys, to go to Fayette county to be examined as a witness by the coroner concerning the part the Fourteenth Ohio National Guard took in obedience to orders of Governor McKinley to assist Sheriff Cook in protecting Dolby, a negro, who had been sentenced. In twenty years in the penitentiary. In giving that protection four persons were killed and about a dozen wounded by the military firing upon the mob when it had broken open the doors of the court house to get at the negro.

Col. Colt's attorneys, Hon. George K. Nash and Henry J. Booth, assure the governor that Colt's life would be placed in jeopardy by going. The coroner declined to come to Columbus to take Colt's deposition, insisting that he shall go there. Leading law-abiding citizens of Washington C. H. have assured the governor privately that if Colt were to go there he and Sheriff Cook no doubt would be thrown into jail, charged with murder, after which the coroner would become sheriff ex-officio, and that the men whose friends were killed would ride the county and gather a mob, and both Colt and Cook, and especially Colt, would be dragged from the jail and lynched.

Governor McKinley has assured Col. Colt that if he were to go and harm were offered, the whole power of the state, and the nation, if necessary, would be sent to his support. Col. Colt's reply to that is: "What good would that do my wife and family, after I had been jailed or lynched?"

Lieut. Col. W. P. N. Darrow, a graduate of West Point, but now a citizen here and an officer of the Fourteenth regiment, would not suffer Colt to be injured, and asked the governor to detail an escort to protect him. Pending this conversation, and while the governor was considering some plan by which the sending of the military might be averted, Col. Darrow said: "Governor, the detail from the Fourteenth desires to go with your official sanction. If you cannot see your way clear to give such sanction, I will have the regiment go as individuals and with guns, to protect the colonel in case harm is offered. In that event, and if shooting were to occur and blood be spilled, the men, it would seem, might be indicted for murder or shooting with intent to kill."

The situation is very grave. It is so grave, indeed, that the representative of the Associated Press cannot give the names of law-abiding and well-known men at Washington C. H., whom he has seen privately, and who are conferring privately with the officers of the state. Attorneys at Washington C. H., who say that the governor and the militia did right in maintaining the law, absolutely refuse to assist in the legal defense of Col. Colt, because it would be tantamount to making arrangements to practice law in some other country. All law-abiding months in Washington C. H. are as still as death. The other side is doing all the talking.

The question which is confronting the governor is: Shall a sheriff, elected and sworn to execute law, and a colonel, ordered to his assistance, be sacrificed for doing their official duty.

Rev. Dr. Gladden, who denounced the mob in a letter to the Columbus press, declines to give out for publication letters received from Washington C. H. from both sides, because of the fact that the writers would be made to suffer by members of the mob. In one letter he was threatened with assassination if he came there for any purpose. He burned that letter.

Another point showing the feeling among the people of the county was the defeat of Sheriff Cook for re-election by a large majority at the recent election, his part in protecting a prisoner against a mob being the argument used by the opposition to compass his defeat.

## EPISCOPAL CONGRESS.

Second Day's Session at Boston—An Interesting Topic.

BOSTON, MASS., Nov. 14.—At the second day's session of the Episcopal Church Congress the first topic for discussion was "Proper Education of the Ministry." Rev. D. S. McConnell, of Philadelphia, said that under the present system of training men for the ministry enough money was not expended and not enough care was taken in the selection of candidates.

Rev. J. J. Lewis Parks, also of Philadelphia, urged that the soul of the student should be more diligently looked after while under instruction.

Rev. H. E. Swentzel, of Brooklyn, N. Y., said the church needs only the very flower of our youth, and she should accept none other.

Bishop Potter, of New York, said there should be three notes for the proper education of students of the ministry—propulsion, accuracy, responsibility.

## COLORADO EXODUS.

Advance Guard of the Abolitionists Who Are Going to Liberia.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The White Star line steamer Adriatic took in her steerage a party of twenty colored persons bound for Liberia.

This is a flying committee from the army of 4,000 negroes that is said to be gathered in southern resorts awaiting means of deportation. This organization is under the management of Jero McMillan, a white man living in Birmingham, Ala., and under the patronage of Bishop Turner, of the African M. E. church.

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## A REAL LIVE PRINCE

Great Grandson of King George the Fourth, of England, is a Western Union Lineman.

PORTLAND, ORE., Nov. 14.—James L. Ord, a lineman of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has papers and documents proving that he is a great grandson of George IV, king of England.

George IV, as prince of Wales, married the beautiful and fascinating widow, Mrs. Maria Anne Fitzherbert. The issue of that union could not ascend the throne, because his mother and father were married according to the Catholic rite and the mother was a devout member of the Catholic church. Under these circumstances the son of this union was a menace to the future king's peace of mind. The upshot was that the son was brought to America where he died at Omaha at the age of 95 years. He had seven children, one of whom, the youngest male living, is John S. Ord, of Santa Cruz, Cal., and whose second son is James L. Ord, of Portland, Ore.

The flight of the son to America is historical. The documents proving his legitimacy are locked up in Coutts' bank, London, where they were deposited in 1833 by the duke of Wellington. Proceedings are now being taken to compel the bank to open the papers to inspection.

Young Ord's grandfather, on reaching America, served in the United States army during the war of 1812, and was denounced by England as a traitor. A sister of the young man is the wife of S. W. Holliday, a San Francisco attorney. James L. Ord, who now resides in Portland, is twenty-four years of age. He is above the average height, though of solid proportions. He is smooth shaven and handsome. His manners are easy and his conversation quiet and refined.

## A FOOLISH GIRL

Victimized by an Adventurer—A Denver Beauty's Mistake.

DENVER, COL., Nov. 14.—Clarence W. Clark, a young adventurer, who registered himself as the "champion cyclist of the world," the owner of a \$35,000 diamond belt, and a globe trotter, arrived in this city Saturday and had an interview with himself published, in which he said that he and Jack Prince were travelling together and would attempt to lower the roller skating record in Denver. He secured an introduction to Miss Gertrude H. Hutchins, aged eighteen, and on Monday they were married by a justice of the peace. Their present whereabouts is not known.

Miss Hutchins is the daughter of Harry T. Hutchins, an artist, and is a perfect picture of beauty. She is the niece of D. W. May, the owner of the Gilsey House, in this city. Her relatives are prominent in the east, her grandfather being a commodore in the United States navy. Her uncle, John Ingraham, a famous criminal lawyer in New York City, died recently, leaving a large part of his estate to Miss Gertrude. The police have a theory that Clark may have had Corbett's diamond belt, which was stolen in Davenport, Iowa, and that he promised Miss Gertrude to make the diamonds into ornaments for her. Clark falsely represented while here that he was a brother of Harry Carson Clark, a member of the Lyceum Theatre stock company. Clark is said to be connected with a highly respectable family in New York.

## CERTAIN DEATH

Awaits These Highbinders When Sent to Hong Kong.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14.—The police have obtained evidence of the existence of the lawless and strongly organized band of Chinese highbinders, 3,000 in number, residing in this city. This society is not only an organization of blackmailers, murderers and thieves, but also has for its purpose the overthrow of the present Tartar dynasty. Through the Chinese consulate a diplomatic correspondence is now being carried on with the British government, to the end that when the Chinese highbinders are deported from this city they will be turned over to the Chinese government at Hong Kong. If this is done it will mean certain death to the highbinders, as with such evidence against them as is now in the hands of the police the highbinders will be beheaded without trial.

## "JACK, THE STRANGLER."

The Mysterious Denver Murderer of Women Supposed to be a Business Man.

DENVER, COL., Nov. 14.—The three murders by strangulation of the dominion that have taken place in Denver have not only caused the wildest excitement among the denizens of Market street, but have set all classes to speculating as to the identity of the strangler. Medical men are inclined to look upon the murders as the work of some one with uncontrollable homicidal tendencies developed only on certain occasions. Coroner Martin says a Denver business man is under strong suspicion of being thus affected and of being the murderer. All the Japanese arrested on suspicion have been released.

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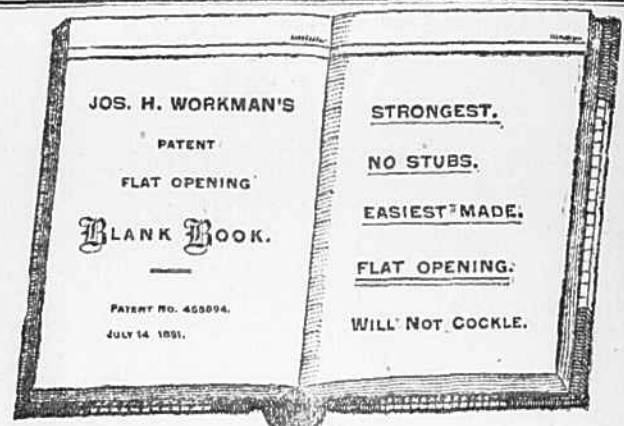
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